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SUBJECT: TOLBERT VISIT: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. A CALL ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT MORNING OF MAY 22 (ON
EVE HIS DEPARTURE FOR OAU HEADS OF STATE MEETING ADDIS
EARLY MAY 23) PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW TOPICS HE
INTENDS DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON ON JUNE 5.

2. PRESIDENT BEGAN BY SAYING HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD
VERY MUCH TO TRIP TO US WHICH WILL PROVIDE " VERY SPLENDID
OCCASION FOR MY FIRST VISIT WITH PRESIDENT NIXON SINCE MY
INAUGURATION."

3. TOLBERT SAID HE INTENDS ACQUAINT PRESIDENT NIXON WITH
HIS DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY FOR LIBERIA WHICH HE OUTLINED
AS FOLLOWS: HE DEEPLY APPRECIATES ASSISTANCE FROM USG AND
WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL HELP THAT CAN BE GIVEN.
HOWEVER LIBERIANS MUST BE SELF- RELIANT AND RESORT MADE TO
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ONLY BEYOND LIMITS OF LIBERIA' S RESOURCES.
IF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF COUNTRY ARE SOLVED, NO
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SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEMS ARE LIKELY TO ARISE. IN ENDEAVORING TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR LIBERIAN PEOPLE, PRESIDENT SAID HE DOES NOT WISH TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. TO ILLUSTRATE LATTER INTENT, HE PLANS PROVIDE ARMY PERSONNEL WITH ADEQUATE HOUSING, SCHOOLS AND CLINICS IN AREAS WHERE THEY SERVE. PRESIDENT WANTS TO SEE FURTHER MODERNIZATION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND NOT JUST IN MONROVIA' S SURROUNDINGS. PROPOSED OUTREACH PROGRAM RADIATING FROM JFK MEDICAL CENTER IS EXAMPLE OF WHAT HE HAS IN MIND. PRESIDENT FULLY INTENDS CARRY OUT HIS DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM WITH SPEED, EFFICIENCY AND STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS. I TOOK OCCASION OF PRESIDENT' S REMARKS TO PARAPHRASE POINTS MADE IN PARAGRAPH 1 STATE 087835 REGARDING CHARACTER OF OFFICE CALLS BY CHIEFS OF STATE ON PRESIDENT NIXON.

4. TOLBERT THEN WENT ON TO SAY HE HOPES TO BRING PRESIDENT NIXON UP- TO- DATE ON DECISIONS REACHED WITHIN OAU AND SO HELP PRESIDENT BETTER UNDERSTAND AFRICAN THINKING. HE ANTICIPATES FOLLOWING WILL BE MAJOR CONCERN AT OAU MEETING: LIBERATION OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES, RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. WITH REGARD TO FIRST TWO, TOLBERT INTENDS TO TAKE MODERATE AND REALISTIC LINE AT OAU AND NOT ATTEMPT THE IMPOSSIBLE. WITH REGARD TO MIDDLE EAST, TIME HAS COME TO USE EVERY MEANS, UN AND BI- LATERAL, TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT WHICH HAS EXISTED TOO LONG AND WHICH IS NOT HELPING THE WORLD OR THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. TOLBERT SAID HE FEELS HE IS IN A GOOD POSITION TO TALK TO BOTH SIDES AND THUS FURTHER THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

5. FINALLY, TOLBERT SAID HE MIGHT WISH ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT NIXON TO VISIT AFRICA SOON AND TO INCLUDE LIBERIA IN HIS ITINERARY.

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